FAMOUS U.S. NEGROES SPEAK

ARCHIE MOORE POINTS WAY IN U.S. RACIAL SITUATION

Archie Moore, internationally known Californian and retired light-heavyweight boxing champion of the world, told friends he feels that "everybody must take a stand in this time of internal crisis. A man who stands neutral stands for nothing."

By ARCHIE MOORE

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The devil is at work in America and it is up to us to drive him out. Snipers and looters, white or black, deserve no mercy. Those who would profit from their brother's misfortunes deserve no mercy, and those who would set fellow Americans upon each other deserve no mercy.

I'll fight the man who calls me an "Uncle Tom." I have broken bread with heads of state, chatted with presidents and traveled all over the world. I was born in a ghetto, but I refused to stay there. I am a Negro, and proud to be one. I am also an American, and I'm proud of that.

The young people of today think they have a hard lot. They should have been around in the '30s when I was coming up in St. Louis. We had no way to go, but a lot of us made it. I became light-heavyweight champion of the world. A neighbor kid down the block, Clark Terry, became one of the most famous jazz musicians in the world. There were doctors, lawyers and chiefs who came out of that ghetto. One of the top policemen in St. Louis came from our neighborhood.

We made it because we had a goal, and we were willing to work for it. Don't talk to me of your "guaranteed national income." Any fool knows that this is insanity. Do we bring those who worked to get ahead down to the level of those who never gave a damn? The world owes NOBODY—black or white—a living. God helps the man who helps himself!

Now then, don't get the idea that I didn't grow up hating the injustices of this world. I am a staunch advocate of the Negro revolution for the good of mankind. I've seen almost unbelievable progress made in the last handful of years. Do we want to become wild beasts bent only on revenge, looting and killing and laying America bare? Hate is bait, bait for the simple-minded.

Sure, I despised the whites who cheated me, but I used that feeling to make me push on. If you listen to the professional rabble-rousers, adhere to this idea of giving up everything you've gained in order to revenge yourself for the wrongs that were done to you in the past — then you'd better watch your neighbor, because he'll be looting your house next. Law and order is the only edge we have. No man is an island.

Granted, the Negro still has a long way to go to gain a fair shake with the white man in this country. But believe this: if we resort to lawlessness, the only thing we can hope for is civil war, untold bloodshed, and the end of our dreams.

We have to have a meeting of qualified men of both races. Mind you, I said qualified men, not some punk kid, ranting the catch phrases put in his mouth by some paid hate-monger. There are forces in the world today, forces bent upon the destruction of America, your America and mine, 'And while we're on the subject, do you doubt for a minute that communism, world communism, isn't waiting with bated breath for the black and white Americans to turn on each other full force? Do you want a chance for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the land of your birth, or do you want no chance at all under the Red heel?

There are members of the black community who call for a separate nation within 'America. Well, I do not intend to give up one square inch of America. I'm not going to be told I must live in a restricted area. Isn't that what we've all been fighting to overcome? And then there is the element that calls for a return to Africa.



Archie Moore Points the Way to Success.

For my part, Africa is a great place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there. If the Irishmen want to go back to the Emerald Isle, let them. If the Slavs want to return to the Iron Curtain area, OK by me. But I'm not going to go to any part of Africa to live. I'm proud of my ancestry, and of the country that spawned my forefathers, but I'm not giving up my country. I fought all my life to give my children what I'm able to give them today; a chance for development as citizens in the greatest country in the world.

I do not for a moment think that any truly responsible Negro wants anarchy. I don't think you'll find intelligent — no, let's rephrase that — mature Negroes running wild in the streets or sniping at total strangers. God made the white man as well as the black. True, we haven't acted as brothers in the past, but we are brothers. If we're to be so many Cains and Abels, that's our choice. We can't blame God for it.

Something must be done to reach the Negroes and the whites in the ghettos of this country, and I propose to do something.

As a matter of plain fact, I have been doing something for the past several years. I have been running a program which I call the ABC—Any Boy Can. By teaching our youth, black, white, yellow and red, what dignity is, what self respect is, what honor is, I have been able to obliterate juvenile delinquency in several areas.

I would now expand my program, change scope. If any boy can, surely any man can. I want to take teams of qualified people, top men in their fields, to the troubled areas of our cities. I know that the people who participated in the recent riots, who are participating and who will participate, are misguided rather than mad.

If some bigot can misguide, then I can guide. I've spent too much of my life building what I've got to put it to torch just to satisfy some ancient hatred of a man who beat my grandfather. Those men are long dead. Do we have to choke what could be a beautiful garden with weeds of hate? I say NO! And I stand ready to start "Operation Gardener." I invite the respected Negro leaders of our country to join me.

FAMED NEGRO AVIATOR SAYS HE IS ASHAMED

"The Black Eagle of Harlem" criticized American Negroes for acting "like a bunch of uncivilized savages."

Aviator Hubert Julian, who won wealth, renown and his nickname as a stunt pilot in the 1920's, said, "I am ashamed to be a Negro." He announced he plans to move his family out of the United States.

The 68-year-old flier told newsmen that last week's riots in Los Angeles confirmed his decision to leave the country and live somewhere in Europe, Asia or Africa.

"As far as living in the United States is concerned, I can't anymore," Julian said. "The conduct of people who look like me leaves me appalled. I am ashamed to be a Negro. The rioting, raping and arson does not solve any racial problem."

SOUND ADVICE FROM NEGRO ARMY OFFICER, EXECUTIVE

The following is an excerpt from a report first printed in the Albany, Ga., Herald. It was written by a prominent government and military figure, Major Hughes Alonzo Robinson, a Negro, now a retired army officer, educator and industrial executive.

By MAJOR HUGHES A. ROBINSON

The agitation about schools, hotels, motels and public accommodations is a waste of time. You cannot legislate the mind and heart of men. Individualism must not be permitted to be destroyed by agitators.

If the agitators and demagogues really want to help the Negro people, let them stop their agitating against other racial groups and get the Negroes to improve their living habits, their sanitation, clean up their homes and backyards, reduce their habitual sex relations wherein excessive babies are born in families where there is insufficient financial arrangements provided for them, and sponsor a program to expose the exploitation of teachers in our elementary and secondary schools.

So long as there are these conditions, the Negro agitators cannot, in good conscience, agitate against any other matter whatsoever. The Negro agitators ignore entirely the basic need of the Negro people. I find thousands of young men right here in Georgia too lazy to work; they spend their time in activities that no man with ambition would spend as much as one minute. Thousands of young women have babies by different fathers, and bring them into the world for others to support. Until such time as this type of activity ceases, the integration leaders have sufficient work to do within their own race without going out agitating against another race. What the Negro needs is a different type of leadership than those now heading up such organizations as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee, the National Urban League, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE NEWARK-PLAINFIELD RIOTS

Were the rifles really stolen in Plainfield, N.J? Or was the whole move a trial balloon to prepare the stage for massive unconstitutional searches and seizures in private homes, particularly those of rightwingers?

If they were trying to stop a riot, why was it Newark Police were limited to four shotgun shells apiece?

Were the Newark riots stage-managed to create an atmosphere that would facilitate N.J. Attorney General Sill's designs for greater Gun Control?

Were the Negroes permitted to burn the stores of their Jewish friends because the latter knew an emergency windfall would be forthcoming from LBJ and they would obtain full indemnity and then some?

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